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NEBRASKA AT FIFTY YEARS OLD

SPEECH OF HON. CHARLES H. SLOAN IN THE NATIONAL HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

SIGNIFIES "WATER VALLEY"

Fitting Tribute Given Our Fair State
By Representative From the Fifth District.

Recently Hon. Charles H. Sloan of the Fifth representative district of the state of Nebraska made an address in the House of Representatives, his subject being the state that he represents, "Nebraska." While the speech is not printed in full in these columns, the main points are brought out, and are as follows:

"Nebraska has just celebrated her fiftieth anniversary of statehood. That is the reason I address you tonight. The name 'Nebraska' is an unqualified substantive, unqualified and unmodified by 'new' or 'old,' 'North' or 'South.' It sprang from its place and condition in the heart of the American continent. It was borrowed from no European city or shire. It has not the mouth-filling volume of Massachusetts or Michigan, nor is it attuned with vowel sweetness like Ohio, Iowa, or Illinois; but follow its syllabication—Ne-bras-ka—energy, power, compelling force; it is oral dynamite under proper control.

"The child who lisps, the school-boy who says, and the man who speaks 'Nebraska' as its syllables deserve to be pronounced, with power of vocal organs and concerted maxillary movement, will develop a jaw formed to either say 'no' in a way to close an incident or yield a mild-mannered affirmative which throughout the ages has ever charmed.

"The origin of this name, in the language of the primitive owners, meant 'Water Valley.' It suggests that which they had, but which lacked just enough in abundance to make it valuable.

Location.

"For Nebraska's location I draw no map; but there it lies, north of parallel 40, north latitude, where the Mexicans directed Coronado to the seven cities of Cibola; south of the sable hills, where gold in abundance lies; west of America's longest river, it stretches half a thousand miles near unto the foothills of the continental range.

"There is no navigable river within its borders, no mineral under its soil. There was no forest to temper its climate, no mountains to vary its view. Its plain was one of vast pasture when watered by dews and rains, but when withered by drought or swept by fire there was little opportunity for either the savage or his game. People called it the American desert. Daniel Webster pronounced it unfit for the habitation of white men.

History.

"The habitation of the Indians stretches back to the shadow land of memory, legend, tradition, and even unto myth. There were tales of chase, love and battle, differing somewhat as to refinement and culture, but primarily similar to those which have been told by all peoples since the stars of dawn sang in chorus.

"Nebraska's history of the white man is likewise old. Back of Lincoln and Douglas, who contended for Nebraska to be free or slave; back of Webster, who condemned it; back of Jefferson, who bought it of France; back of the day of our country's Father; 67 years back of the first Cavalier's landing at Jamestown; 80 years back of the Puritan landing at Plymouth, the exploring Spaniards, whose thirst for adventure and greed for gold were unsatisfied with Montezuma's capture, the loot and pillage of the treasury of the Aztecs, and the desecration of the temples, followed the north star across the fortieth parallel and pressed their feet on Nebraska soil in 1540.

"Why celebrate the passage of 50 years? It is not founded alone on the decimal system, a half a century. It relates to a year mentioned in Leviticus—the year of Jubilee, the year after seven times seven, or the seven Sabbath years. That was Israel's year of jubilee; this can—will be ours. I am glad so many of my friends from different parts of the Union approve.

Success.

"That Nebraska scores a success is established in the fact that we celebrate. No derelict craft driven by unfavorable winds upon a barren shore would celebrate the anniversary of its putting out to sea. No bankrupt business concern ever asked or invited its friends to celebrate the day it challenged the competition of the world. I have attended many golden weddings in my lifetime, but never was I present at

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MURDERED FRIEND WITH SHARP KNIFE

Guy Catlow, Living Northeast of Alliance, Stabbed To Death in Fight With Neighbor

A tragedy was enacted Tuesday afternoon, thirty-five miles northwest of Hyannis, in which one man lost his life and another was shot twice. The circumstances, as near as can be ascertained are that Joseph Blaska, son of Mrs. Blaska, who lives near the place where the tragedy occurred, swore out a peace warrant for Mrs. Hattie F. Catlow, a widow, alleging that she had threatened to do bodily injury to his children who had to pass the Catlow place in going to school. The warrant was placed in the hands of Floyd Yauney, constable for service. Yauney made service of the warrant and then thought he would go to the Blaska place and see if he could arbitrate and settle the differences between the billigents, on which errand Guy Catlow, the son, accompanied Yauney.

After arriving at the Blaska place the negotiations for peace developed into a fist fight between Blaska and young Catlow, during which Mrs. Blaska appeared on the scene with a rifle, of which Yauney disarmed her, and the scrap being over, set the gun inside the house. Yauney says Blaska then went into the house and thinking he would secure the rifle and take a shot at them they followed him. After they got inside the fight was renewed, Mrs. Blaska picked up the gun and he tussled with her for its possession. While they were struggling for the gun Catlow secured a hammer and belted Blaska on the head a couple of times with it and then Blaska produced a pocket knife and jabbed it into Catlow three times, in the breast, stomach, and back of head at base of the brain, the latter producing death almost instantly. Yauney and Mrs. Blaska were still struggling for the gun and Blaska turned his attention in that direction when Yauney secured the weapon and fired twice at Blaska, one bullet going through the fleshy part of the right leg and the other thru his left knee, which put him down and out, whereupon Yauney went to the Stansbie ranch, notifying residents en route, and phoned to Hyannis. Sheriff Metcalf and Doctor Barr started at once from that place for the Blaska home.

Deputy Sheriff Rourke arrived the next morning and took charge of the case. Blaska is now at the Commercial Hotel Annex in Hyannis, under medical care, while an inquest is being held at the Catlow place with Deputy Sheriff Rourke in charge.

He Did His Best.

Great amusement was caused by the action of a yellow hammer which tried to peck a hole through a castron United States mail box on a post in front of a hotel in Albany, N. Y. The bird persistently operated his beak on the top of the box for several intervals of five to fifteen minutes with the result that the paint was slightly scarred in several places, but so far as could be ascertained, with no damaging effect to the box. Early in the forenoon the proprietor of the hotel, was disturbed while reading the paper, by the sound. He watched the performance with amusement until some passer-by caused the bird to fly away. The bird returned several times during the forenoon and pounded away on the top of the box, at times a number of people acting as spectators.

'GENE HEATH'S GRIP

Volume 1 Nonpareil, Dawes County, Nebraska, May 25th, 1886. Number 2

Being a recital of early happenings in the Box Butte Country, clipped from the files of the first newspaper published in the country—then part of Dawes county, at Nonpareil, the townsite of which was south and west of Hemingford. This week the items are taken from the second issue published—May 25th, 1886, three years before the town of Alliance started.

Editorial

When the news of the election of Cleveland reached Rock Rapids, Ia., a man by the name of Gardner threw up his hands, rolled up the white of his eye and said: "Well, I'm ready to die, the republicans are beaten and I don't care to live any longer." Unfortunately the poor fool still lives.

According to the Sun the supply depot at Pine Ridge agency is to be moved from Gordon to Rushville. Proud, haughty Rushville wants it all. Supply depot, county seat and even the land office. But, here, what will Gordon have? Poor, plain, hard working Gordon without a shirt to her back.

HEMINGFORD SUNBEAMS—The Eagle Hotel is fast approaching completion. The hostess has ordered a full line of carpets from the east, while the queensware is ordered from Chicago through L. L. Maxfield. Overing, Hampton and Burroughs have erected a very neat office north of the square. Several claims near town have changed hands within the last few days. People are beginning to feel the confines of city life about here, and wish to get to a more secluded place. One girl left at Maxfield's

JOFFRE GETS VALUED PRESENT



General Pershing presenting to Marshal Joffre an album containing press clippings concerning the famous Frenchman's visit to the United States.

PETE HEDGEPATH IS GENERAL MANAGER

Former Alliance Travelling Man Is Now The "Big Cheese" On A Short Missouri Road

Pete Hedgepath, well known traveling man who made his headquarters at Alliance for a number of years and who had a large drug business at Scottsbluff, has resigned his position with the Omaha wholesale drug firm for which he travelled, sold out his Scottsbluff business, and entered the railroad business at Rockport, Missouri.

The railroad line in which Hedgepath has purchased controlling interest is, according to his friends, six miles in length, connecting with the main line of the Burlington at Rockport. He has assumed the position of general manager of the busy little connecting line. Inasmuch as he is of course provided with passes over connecting lines, including the Burlington, his Alliance friends expect to see him back again once in a while.

If They Could See Us Now.

The other day in re-reading a book by John Burroughs, first published in 1875, I was interested in this paragraph in a chapter on the joy of walking: "It is said that Englishmen when they first come to this country are for some time under the impression that American women all have deformed feet—they are so coy of them and so studiously careful to keep them hid."—Anne Sherrill Baird, in Southern Woman's Magazine.

THE HOME CIRCLE MAGAZINE SECTION

Herald Readers Are Favored With Several Good Stories This Week In Magazine Section.

Herald readers will find the Monthly Home Circle Magazine Section of this week's issue crammed full of interesting stories. The cover in colors, with invitation to join the Home Guard is an invitation to glance within.

"The Market Hunter," a short story by Robert W. Chambers, is interesting—a story pulsating with life and close to nature. "The Crime of the Bungalow," a short story by Geo. T. Pardy, is a detective story full of thrills and this well known author has kept up to his reputation in this issue. "The March of the White Guard," by Sir Gilbert Parker which began in a previous number, is concluded this week. "Marlitt's Shoes" is another short story by Robert W. Chambers—a love story of unusual fascination.

Teeth Under Suspicion.

Bad teeth are now believed to be an important source of rheumatism, heart disease and kidney trouble. The germ-producing these diseases may get into the system from an unsuspected abscess at the root of a tooth, whose presence may be revealed only by an X-ray photograph. Doctors tell of children recovering from Bright's disease as soon as their teeth are properly cared for. In fact the teeth have come under suspicion along with the tonsils, and X-ray pictures of them are part of a thorough physical examination.

NO DEEDS ISSUED TO ALIEN ENEMIES

Land Commissioner G. L. Shumway Issues Notices to County Offices Regarding Old Law.

G. L. Shumway, state land Commissioner has decided to enforce a Nebraska statute which provides that alien enemies and sympathizers cannot hold title to lands in the state and that these lands shall revert to the state school lands. Commissioner Shumway does not contemplate seizing the lands of friendly aliens but urges that they be given an opportunity through legislation to retain their homes.

Commissioner Shumway sent the following notice to county clerks: "Hereafter, when an applicant to purchase state lands is made, kindly ascertain if the applicant is a citizen of the United States. "If a citizen, kindly ascertain if native born or naturalized. "Also ascertain if possible if the applicant is an alien in sympathies in any way.

"Nebraska has an alien land law which has been practically obsolete for many years. It should not longer remain so.

"It is proper that all, especially the state, should observe that no titles should pass to alien enemies.

"You may find in your deed record the names of owners of lands, parties known to be alien enemies and alien sympathizers. The county attorney will likely confer with you as to methods of converting these properties into state school lands.

Commissioner Shumway has sent this notice to county attorneys: "Your attention is called to the alien land law, R. S. 1913, sections 6273-6274-6275-6276. This law has been obsolete in general practice for many years.

"Now would seem the proper time to resurrect it from 'status quo'. If the state has alien enemies owning land, and land owners claiming exemption because of alien allegiance, the schools of the state can use the land.

"You are fortunately situated, that thru the operation of the draft law, you may be able to identify a number of offenders. County recorders will be in position to assist you, and this department will render you whatever assistance possible.

"You should find alien owners who are friends of America in act and deed, the legislature should be given an opportunity of providing them a way to qualify to retain their homes. The slackers and known enemies need attention first."

To county treasurers this notice was sent: "If you will examine your register of sale contracts of state lands, you may be able to find among the owners thereof, alien enemies and sympathizers. Please advise this office the numbers of any that should bear investigation or are known aliens."

Way to Conserve Food.

Many persons eat too much, say the diet specialists—here's a way to conserve our food supply and health at the same time—stuffed oneself at the table should be a dying tradition. —Exchange.

Model Fish Market.

There is a model fish market in Copenhagen, built by the municipality. With the exception of the large varieties, like cod and halibut, all the fish are kept alive in tessellated tanks with running water.

LOCALS

Overing and Hampton of Hemingford, are authorized agents for this paper at that place. Any business in the way of advertising, subscription, etc., may be transacted with them.

A new town has been started southeast of here about seven miles, to be called Martinsville. The town is composed of a sod stable, a tent, the bark of a dog, three toots on a tin horn and no hopes of a railroad.

What might have been quite an accident occurred last Monday afternoon. N. Bowen and sister were out riding, when the horse becoming frightened at Mr. Bowen's firing at an antelope, ran away, throwing Miss Bowen from the buggy. Fortunately she was not seriously injured, and the only damage done was a slight break upon the buggy.

Nonpareil will have a school and church building inside of two weeks.

LIGHT DEMAND FOR POTATOES STILL THE RULE

FROSTED AND FROZEN SPUDS CAUSE BUYERS TO HOLD OFF FOR PRESENT

EMPHASIZE GRADING NEEDS

Farmers of Western Nebraska Learn Bitter Experience That Ungraded Spuds Drug The Market

The demand for potatoes on the Chicago, Kansas City and other markets as far east as New York City, continued light during the past week. Potato operators give as the reason for this the fact that frosted potatoes are still going to the markets and that because of this the only buying being done is for immediate consumption.

A Box Butte county potato grower, a hard working farmer drove a load of potatoes onto the scales of a local potato buyer. This buyer had just received notice that a carload of spuds shipped to Kansas City, had been refused because of the fact that the car was not up to grade—it contained both scabby and frosted potatoes. "I don't blame the Kansas City people," said he. "I'd turn down that car too, if I was them." He continued, "I wish that the potato growers of Box Butte county could realize that they are losing thousands of dollars to themselves by not grading their potatoes and by bringing in frosted stock and offering it on the market."

The potato buyer then walked out to look over the wagon load of spuds standing on the scales. Fine large spuds but badly marred with scab. "I cannot use them," said the buyer, and walked back into his office. The farmer sat there wondering what to do with the load of spuds. We felt sorry for him, and yet we remembered how, during the summer expert potato men had urged time and again that the growers grade their spuds; we remembered Prof. Link, the well known expert on potato diseases, had taken us through fields during the summer and explained that if the grower would be careful in the choice of seed; if he would treat his seed; and if he would carefully through his fields during the growing season, pulling out the sickly plants, he would be well repaid with clean fine potatoes at harvesting time, and we wondered how long it would be before this grower would learn the fact that the growing potatoes must be handled on a business basis.

Government Ruling On Shipping

Washington, D. C.—An important ruling has been made by the Food Administration, as announced by E. Percy Miller, in charge of the potato transportation in special rule No. 3 of the rules and regulations governing licenses.

This rule provides, "The licensee shall quote, buy and sell potatoes only by the pound." Mr. Miller says an exception has been made to this rule, whereby the licensee is not required to sell by the pound when the potatoes are in barrels or hampers.

Mr. Miller called attention to Rule 2, which he declares is of considerable importance to potato shippers and dealers. The rule is as follows: "The licensee shall not sell for food purposes from points of production, potatoes which are not practically free from frost injury and decay, and which are not free from serious damage caused by dirt or other foreign matter, sunburn, second growth, cuts, scab, blight, dry rot or other diseases, insects or mechanical means."

In connection with the word practically free, Mr. Miller called attention to the definition given in the ruling; that is "Practically free means that the appearance shall not be injured to an extent readily apparent on casual examination, and that any damage from the causes mentioned can be removed by the ordinary process of paring without appreciable increase in waste over that which would occur if the potato were perfect. Loss of outer skin (epidermis) only shall not be considered as an injury to the appearance."

He also referred to the fact that the food administration believes the adoption of the federal grades on potatoes would effect an economic saving.

Minnesota Market Quiet

St. Paul, Minn.—The potato market opened this week even more light than last week. The inquiry was light and shippers report little stock moving. The receipts from farmers continued light also. Operators said that field frost was still causing some trouble. The car situation is not improved and is holding back stock that should be moved.

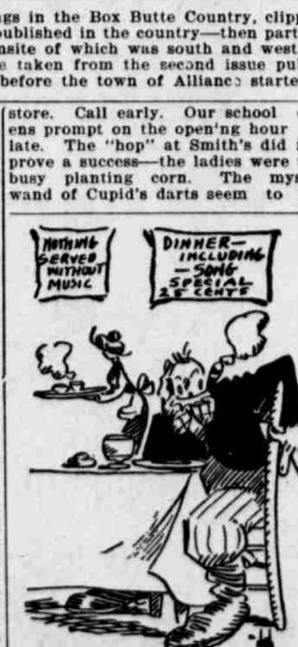
Tuesday the market was weak with demand light. Minnesota white stock was quoted at \$1.95 @ 2.10 per cwt sacked basis loading stations.

Wednesday the market continued weak with a light inquiry. Receipts were light and the movement was slow. There was a wide range of prices with a little lower level. Minnesota white stock was quoted at \$1.80

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NOTHING SERVED WITHOUT MUSIC

DINNER INCLUDING SOME SPECIAL 25 CENTS



Gene Heath In Thinking Mood—apologies to Kin Hubbard.